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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

I. The Art Unit location of this application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

Disposition of the claims

II. The current office-action is in response to the amendments/remarks filed on 01/29/2007.

Accordingly, Claims 1-39 are imminent for further assessment as follows:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

III. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 14, 23, 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by

Foladare et al. (US 6044267).

As per claim 1, **Foladare** teaches:

A wireless communication device (11; Fig.1, Abstract), the wireless communication device comprising:

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A transmitter for transmitting a transmission signal via a wireless network; a receiver for receiving an inbound signal via the wireless network; (11; Fig.1, Col.2; 9-21) and

Wherein the wireless communication device is addressable by a public switch telephone network (14; Fig.1, Col.3; 40-48) coupled to the wireless network using a first identification number (e.g. MIN#; Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21) and wherein the wireless communication device is addressable by a peer device associated with the wireless network using a second identification number. (e.g. LL#; Col.3; 48-62, Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21)

As per claim 14, **Foladare** teaches:

A method of communication using a wireless communication device via a wireless network, (11; Fig.1, Abstract), the method comprising:

Establishing a first communication path with a wireless network and with a public switch telephone network coupled to the wireless network in response to receiving a first signal including a mobile identification number associated with the public switch telephone network and uniquely associated with the wireless communication device; (e.g. MIN#; Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21) and

Establishing a second communication path via the wireless network in response to receiving a second signal including a wireless network identification number independent from the public switch telephone network and uniquely associated with the wireless communication device. (e.g. LL#; Col.3; 48-62, Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21).

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As per claim 23, **Foladare** teaches:

A wireless communication device comprising: a transmitter; a receiver; and communication circuitry coupled to the transmitter and coupled to the receiver, (11; Fig.1, Abstract),

The communication circuitry configured to establish a first communication path with a wireless network and with a public switch telephone network coupled to the wireless network in response to receiving a first signal including a mobile identification number associated with the public switch telephone network and uniquely associated with the wireless communication device, (e.g. MIN#; Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21)

The communication circuitry configured to establish a second communication path via the wireless network in response to receiving a second signal including a wireless network identification number independent from the public switch telephone network and uniquely associated with the wireless communication device. (e.g. LL#; Col.3; 48-62, Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21).

As per claim 32, **Foladare** teaches:

The wireless telephone handset (11; Fig.1, Abstract), comprising:

Communication circuitry configured to communicate with a wireless network, the wireless network coupled to a network; (11; Fig.1, Col.2; 9-21)

The memory including a mobile identification number associated with a public switch telephone number and a wireless network number not associated with the public switch telephone number (e.g. MIN#; Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21) and

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A wherein the communication circuitry is addressable using the public switch telephone number and the communication circuitry is uniquely addressable using the wireless network. (e.g. LL#; Col.3; 48-62, Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 2-13, 15-22, 24-31, 33-39, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Foladare et al.** (US 6044267) in view of **Mahany et al.** (US 5949776).

As per claims 2, 16, 20, 25, 29, 37, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim except memory including a list of peer devices, the list of peer devices comprising peer identification numbers for addressing peer devices associated with the wireless network. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claims 1, 15, 19, 24, 28, 35, further comprising memory including a list of peer devices, the list of peer devices comprising peer identification numbers for addressing peer devices associated with the wireless network. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify **Foladare** including memory including a list of peer devices, the list of peer devices comprising peer identification numbers for addressing peer devices associated with the wireless network in order to provide for efficient communication between portable computer devices and peripherals.

As per claim 3, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim except wherein the receiver is configured to receive a list data signal from the peer device, the list data signal including a list of wireless devices associated with the wireless network. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claim 2, wherein the receiver is configured to receive a list data signal from the peer device, the list data signal including a list of wireless devices associated with the wireless network. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

As per claims 4, 15, 24, 36, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim the receiver is configured to use a low power connection. However, **Mahany** teaches in an

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analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claims 3, 15, 23, 35, wherein the receiver is configured to use a low power connection. [Col.48; 47-59]

As per claim 5, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim except wherein the receiver is configured to receive data from a peer device when addressed using the second identification number. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claim 1, wherein the receiver is configured to receive data from a peer device when addressed using the second identification number. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

As per claim 6, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim except wherein the data includes a second identification number of the peer device and the transmitter is selectively configured to transmit a signal when the second identification number of the peer device is included in a list of authorized peer devices. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claim 5, wherein the data includes a second identification number of the peer device and the transmitter is selectively configured to transmit a signal when the second identification number of the peer device is included in a list of authorized peer devices. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

As per claims 7, 18, 27, **Foladare** teaches the wireless communication device of claims 5, 14, 23, wherein the data comprises text data. [Col.1; 1-4]

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As per claims 8, 17, 26, **Foladare** teaches:

The wireless communication device of claims 5, 14, 23, wherein the data comprises voice data. (Col. 1; 1-4).

As per claims 9, 19, 28, 34, **Foladare** teaches:

The wireless communication device of claims 1, 14, 23, 33, wherein the transmitter is configured to transmit a find signal, the find signal including a second identification number of a peer device associated with the wireless network. (Col.3; 40-48).

As per claim 10, **Foladare** teaches:

The wireless communication device of claim 1, wherein the peer device is a handset. (14; Fig.1).

As per claims 11, 38, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim except memory wherein the inbound signal is a direct signal from the peer device. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claims 1, 35, wherein the inbound signal is a direct signal from the peer device. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

As per claims 12, 21-22, 30-31, 33, 39, **Foladare** teaches:

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The wireless communication device from claims 1, 14, 23, 32, 35, wherein the inbound signal is a signal from the peer device communicated via a mobile switching center. (12; Fig.1).

As per claim 13, **Foladare** teaches all the particulars of the claim except wherein the receiver is configured to receive a registry signal via a registry channel, the registry signal including a second identification number of the peer device. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that the wireless communication device of claim 1, wherein the receiver is configured to receive a registry signal via a registry channel, the registry signal including a second identification number of the peer device. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

As per claim 35, **Foladare** teaches:

A wireless communication device, the wireless communication device (11; Fig.1, Abstract), comprising:

A transmitter for transmitting a transmission signal via a wireless network; a receiver for receiving an inbound signal via the wireless network; (11; Fig.1, Col.2; 9-21)

Wherein the wireless communication device is addressable by a public switch telephone network coupled to the wireless network using a first identification number (e.g. MIN#; Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21) and

Wherein the wireless communication device is addressable by a peer device associated with the wireless network using a second identification number; (e.g. LL#; Col.3; 48-62, Col.8; 35-55, Col.2; 9-21).

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Foladare doesn't teach specifically, memory including a list of peer devices, the list of peer devices comprising peer identification numbers for addressing peer devices associated with the wireless network; and wherein the receiver is configured to receive a list data signal from the peer device, the list data signal including the list of peer devices associated with the wireless network. However, **Mahany** teaches in an analogous art, that memory including a list of peer devices, the list of peer devices comprising peer identification numbers for addressing peer devices associated with the wireless network; and wherein the receiver is configured to receive a list data signal from the peer device, the list data signal including the list of peer devices associated with the wireless network. (43-45; Fig.1b; Col.11; 49-67).

Conclusion

IV. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. (8:30-5 EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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